Sri M. MALLIKARJUNASWAMY (Minister for Community Development and Social Welfare).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Government of India have allotted only four Blocks during 1972-73 and allotment has been limited to four taluks only.

COMMON SCRIPT FOR KANNADA AND TELUGU

500. Sri CHOWDA REDDY (Chintamani).—

Will the Minister for Education be pleased to state:—

whether Government have chalked out any programme for evolving a Common Script for Telugu and Kannada languages?

Sri A. R. BADARINARAYANA (Minister for Education).—

No.

CALLING ATTENTION TO A MATTER OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE.

Re: *Damages to areca gardens in Koppa and Sringeri Taluks due to cyclones.*

Sri M. MALLAPPA (Birur).—I call the attention of the Minister for Revenue to the damages caused to areca gardens in Koppa and Sringeri taluks due to cyclonic effects.

Sri N. HUTCHMASTHY GOWDA (Minister for Revenue) — I state as follows:

A cyclone struck parts of Koppa and Sringeri Taluks of Chickmagalur District on 21st October 1972. Five villages in Koppa Taluk and twenty villages or hamlets in Sringeri taluk were affected. The affected area is 225-7 acres in Koppa and nearly 375-00 acres in Sringeri. To assess the damages and to see what relief measures should be taken the Deputy Commissioner toured the area on the 28th, 29th and 30th of October and visited all the affected villages. The damage was serious. The cyclone seemed to have been of an extraordinary speed and fury. There was no loss of human or cattle life.

Apart from forests, the main damage was to areca gardens. The damage to paddy and plantains was negligible and can be overlooked. An actual of the trees uprooted, broken or felled was made by the

Revenue as well as the Horticulture Departments. The number of areca trees destroyed in Koppa is 35,050 trees and in Sringeri 38,650 trees. The number of persons affected in Sringeri is 245 and in Koppa 108. The loss in Sringeri has been estimated at Rs. 15,46,000 and in Koppa at Rs. 14,02,000. The total loss is Rs. 29,48,000 in both the taluks. This does not include the damage to houses and huts. Compared to this the damage to houses is not serious except in a few cases.

During his tour the Deputy Commissioner also attended on 29th October 1972 the affected ryot's convention at Uttameshwara in Koppa Taluk. All the affected ryots had gathered there and discussed the relief measures required. The measures suggested by the ryots in the convention are

1. Sanctioning interest free loan at Rs. 5,000 per acre.
2. Reducing the land revenue assessment from garden to wet for the next 15 years.
3. Relief grants to those who sustained damage to their houses.
4. Concession in Paddy levy procurement.
5. Concession in agriculture income tax.

These suggestions will be examined and relief granted having regard to the general pattern of relief in the case of damage caused by natural calamities.

There are nearly 22 persons who either do not own areca gardens or if they owned, the trees were not damaged. The loss in their case is in respect of paddy or sugar cane only. The total loss in all such cases is Rs. 10,000. But individual loss in all these cases but two does not exceed Rs. 500.

There is heavy loss in the case of forests. The Forest Department is taking stock of that. Minor damage was caused to some roads also, which the Public Works Department can attend to routinely.

Besides the relief measures suggested at Uttameshwara, these damages were put forward by the people :

1. Grant of Development loan.
2. Payment of cash relief at Rs. 25 per tree.
3. Remission of land revenue for ten years.
4. Postponing recovery of all taxes and loans.
5. Supply of areca seedlings at concessional rate.

(SRI N. HUTCHAMASTI GOWDA)

Powers have been delegated to the Revenue Officers to grant relief to victims of natural calamities as noted below :—

(*a*) In case of loss upto Rs. 200—Full extent of the loss.

(*b*) In case the loss is more than Rs. 200 but not more than Rs. 1,000—50 per cent of the loss subject to a minimum of Rs. 200.

(*c*) In case the loss exceeds Rs. 1,000—Rs. 500.

The cash relief indicated above will be in addition to the grant, where necessary, of building materials of the value not exceeding Rs. 300. The Tahsildars have been directed to visit all the areas to make a realistic estimate of loss of properties damaged due to the storm and submit detailed reports early.

Sri M. MALLAPPA.—Have you given appropriate relief after spot inspection of the area ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎನ್. ಹುಚ್ಚಮಾಸ್ತಿ ಗೌಡ.—ನನಗೆ ಅವರು ಎಷ್ಟು ಕೊಟ್ಟಿದ್ದಾರೆ ಅನ್ನುವ ವರದಿಗಳು ಇನ್ನೂ ಅವರಿಂದ ಬಂದಿಲ್ಲ.

2-00 P. M.

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೋಣಂಡೂರು ಲಿಂಗಪ್ಪ.—ಈಗತಾನೆ ಮಾನ್ಯ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳು ಅಪ್ಪಣೆ ಕೊಡಿಸಿದ ಹಾಗೆ ಅಲ್ಲಿ ಸುಮಾರು 30 ಲಕ್ಷ ರೂಪಾಯಿಗಳ ಹಾನಿತಟ್ಟಿದೆ. ಅಷ್ಟು ಅನಾಹುತಕ್ಕೆ ಅಲ್ಲಿಯ ಅಡಕೆ ತೋಟಗಳು ಈಡಾಗಿವೆ. ಅವುಗಳನ್ನು ಮತ್ತೆ ಬೆಳೆಸುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಕನಿಷ್ಟ 9-10 ವರ್ಷಗಳು ಬೇಕು. ಆದುದರಿಂದ ಅವರಿಗೆ ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರಿಂದ ಕೊಡಬಹುದಾದ ಎಲ್ಲ ಪರಿಹಾರಗಳನ್ನೂ ಸಂಪೂರ್ಣವಾಗಿ ಒದಗಿಸುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಪ್ರಯತ್ನ ಮಾಡುತ್ತಿರಾ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎನ್. ಹುಚ್ಚಮಾಸ್ತಿಗೌಡ.—ಸರ್ಕಾರ ಈಗಾಗಲೆ ಜಿಲ್ಲಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳಿಗೂ ಮತ್ತು ತಾಹಶೀಲ್ದಾರರಿಗೂ ಸ್ಥಳಕ್ಕೆ ಖುದ್ದಾಗಿ ಹೋಗಿ ಎಲ್ಲೆಲ್ಲಿಗೆ ಯಾವ ರೂಪದಲ್ಲಿ ಒಟ್ಟು ಎಷ್ಟೆಷ್ಟು ಪರಿಹಾರ ಒದಗಿಸಬೇಕಾಗುತ್ತದೆಂಬುದನ್ನು ತಿಳಿಸಬೇಕೆಂದು ತಾಕೀತ್ ಮಾಡಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಅಲ್ಲಿಂದ ವರದಿಗಳು ಬಂದ ನಂತರ ಸಾಧ್ಯವಾದದ್ದನ್ನೆಲ್ಲಾ ಮಾಡಲಾಗುತ್ತದೆ.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA (on behalf of Sri Azeez Sait, Minister for Labour).—I beg to lay on behalf of Sri Azeez Sait, Minister for Labour, Notification No. GSR 323, dated 29th August 1972, The Mysore Motor Vehicles (6th Amendment) Rules, 1972 under sub-section (3) of Section 133 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1939.

Madam SPEAKER.—The notification is laid on the Table.